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## LATEST TELEGRAMS

**THE MEKRAH REVOLT.**  
FIGHTING REPORTED IMMINENT.  
CALCUTTA, Jan. 29.—It is reported  
at Mekra that the Nizam is ignorant  
of the fact that Col. Mayne is marching  
to his relief, and that his position  
is critical. Messengers say that Baluch  
Khan is moving towards Pensi in  
order to block Col. Mayne's advance,  
and that fighting is imminent.

**SOUTH AFRICA.**

CHARGES OF BOER CORRUPTION.  
PORTIA, Jan. 28.—The editor of the  
"Johannesburg Times" was arrested  
yesterday on a charge of  
criminal libel for alleging in that  
journal on Oct. 11 last that a member of  
the Executive Council received  
about £20,000 annually from the  
dynamite monopoly.

**PLAGUE RIOTS IN INDIA.**

MEDICAL DEPOT BURNED AND DOCTOR  
MURDERED.

BOMBAY, Jan. 28.—The panic caused  
by the plague, which has for some  
time been stimulating popular fanaticism  
to a dangerous pitch of excitement,  
has at last produced serious riots  
at the towns of Sinnar and Nasik, in  
this Presidency. As on the occasion of  
last year's disturbance, the outbreaks  
had their origin in the sanitary  
regulations for suppressing infection.  
At Nasik the mob broke into the  
buildings connected with the medical  
administration, attacked the officials  
with ruthless fury, and murdered the  
doctor in charge. They also wrecked  
and fired all the sanitary sheds, and  
then, in order to prevent news of the  
disturbance from spreading, proceeded  
to the Post Office, which they also  
demolished, at the same time cutting  
the telegraph wires. Ultimately the  
police were compelled to fire upon the  
crowd, in order to disperse it. A constable  
was wounded by the rioters.

**THE UPPER NILE.**  
ANOTHER BRITISH EXPEDITION.

An expedition is projected to the  
Upper Nile under Mr. H. S. H. Cavendish, the explorer of Lake  
Kivu, who has in his day been  
near that centre of attraction for  
years. Fashoda. Mr. Cavendish will  
take 8 or 10 Europeans, including  
military men. The expedition is  
purely private, being financed by Mr.  
Cavendish. It will be very strongly  
equipped, and will include quick-  
firing guns, and 400 armed natives,  
who will start from the Eastern coast.

The objective is the junction of the  
Sobat with the White Nile.

**DEVELOPMENT OF BRITISH  
WEST AFRICA.**

The steamer Axim, of the Elder  
Kempster line, sailed from Liverpool  
yesterday for the West Coast of Africa.  
She has on board for Toreador Capt.  
McClintock, R.E., Dr. C. Christie, and  
5 non-commissioned officers. They are  
en route for Lokoja up the Niger. The  
non-commissioned officers belong to  
the Royal Engineers. Their purpose  
is to erect barracks, hospitals, cook-  
houses, &c., at Lokoja to form an  
imperial camp on the Niger. The Axim  
has on board 200 tons of material.  
The wood is all cut and mortised to fit in  
position on arrival. The buildings  
will have corrugated iron roofs. About  
70 buildings will be erected. Mr. H.  
S. Payne is going to Lokoja to join one  
of the gunboats Jackdaw and Heron,  
of the Imperial Niger Fleet.

**SIR R. PEEL SOLD UP.**

The sequel to an action brought  
locally against Sir Robt. Peel by a  
person named Hopkins was provided  
yesterday by the sale at Drayton  
Manor, Tamworth, of the defendant's  
personal effects under a sheriff's execution.  
The execution, it was stated, was  
for over £200, but some 50 lots  
realised only £126. The articles disposed  
of under the hammer were of a  
miscellaneous character, and included  
the wearing apparel—suits, trousers,  
dress shirts, overcoats, boots and hats—  
of Sir Robert's, fancy-peahens, swans,  
fowls, canaries, and goldfish. Much  
local interest was manifested in the  
proceedings.

**HEALTH OF THE NAVY.**

The official report of the health of the  
Navy, issued yesterday, states that the  
return of 1896 for the total force serving  
abroad may be regarded as the most  
satisfactory, as we have never furnished  
so many sailors since there were first published  
in their present form in the year  
1856, the aggregate number of cases of  
disease and injury for the year showing  
only a ratio of 91.07 per 1,000 of the  
mean force, the lowest recorded during  
the past 40 years. The death-rate, as  
of that of the previous year, and is the  
lowest obtained since 1856. The invaliding  
rate, however, shows a slight increase of  
2.1 per 1,000 over that of 1896, and of  
.91, as compared with the average ratio for  
the last 2 years. The total force in the  
service afloat, corrected for time, in the  
year 1896, was 72,000 officers and men,  
of whom 9,010 were below the ages of 16  
and 25; 20,610 between 25 and 35; 6,240 in  
ages 35 and 45; and 1,060 above 45. The  
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disease and injury of 14.3 days for each  
person, and shows a decrease, compared  
with the preceding year, to the extent of  
66 days, and a decrease of 9 days in the  
last 2 years. The total number of persons  
valued was 1,967, or 27.36 per 1,000, an  
increase of 2.1 per 1,000 compared with  
the previous year, and of .91 per 1,000 con-  
trasted with the average of the last 2  
years.

**KAISER AND THE FRENCH  
AMBASSADOR.**

SOMETHING IN THE WIND.  
BERLIN, Jan. 29.—At noon to-day,  
His Majesty the Emperor paid a visit  
to the Marquis de Noailles at the  
French Embassy. It is not yet known  
what was the object of the visit, but it  
is remarked that shortly afterwards  
the Kaiser had a long conference with  
Prince Hohenlohe, the Imperial Cham-  
berlain.—CENTRAL NEWS SPECIAL.

**THE BREAD TROUBLES IN  
ITALY.**

HOME OCCUPIED BY MILITARY.  
ROMA, Jan. 29.—The authorities fear  
a storm to-morrow in consequence of  
the increasing price of bread. Socialists  
and Republicans have organised a monster demonstration  
to-morrow, and intend to carry it out in spite of the strict pro-  
hibition of the authorities. Similar  
manifestations are to take place in  
Milan, Florence, and other towns. It  
is feared that although large reinforce-  
ments of troops have been posted in  
the chief towns they will yet not  
be sufficient to overawe the manifestations  
without recourse to violence. Several  
Socialistic newspapers which  
have for some time been publishing  
articles practically preaching civil war  
have been seized by the authorities.  
The military have received instruc-  
tions to prevent at all costs any as-  
sembling of crowds before the Chamber  
of the Royal Palace, and if the dis-  
contented population essay this kind  
of manifestation it is greatly feared  
there will be serious rioting.—

**ART, POVERTY, AND SUICIDE.**

IN WESTRALIA.  
PERTH, Jan. 24.—Dr. Riley, Anglican  
chaplain of Perth, in an interview has  
stated his action in writing to the  
various parishes to complain of the sit-

treatment of the natives in the North-  
west of Australia. The bishop said  
that the disclosures in the Anderson  
case, in which 3 blacks were flogged  
to death, and the murder of a native  
boy in June last, fully corroborated  
his statement, though he still con-  
sidered that the settlers generally  
treated the natives well. The Crown  
Solicitor is inquiring into further  
cases of cruelty to natives which were  
reported to the police in September  
last.

**GOVERNORSHIP OF CRETE.**

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 29.—The Sultan  
is to have telegraphed to the  
Czar twice on the subject of the  
candidate of Prince George of Greece  
for the Governorship of Crete. The  
Czar's reply adhering to Prince  
George's candidature made a strong  
impression at the palace. "The Echo  
de Paris" approves England's declara-  
tion upon the necessity for freedom in  
trade, and contends that all ports  
without exception, all the world over,  
ought to be free and open to every-  
body.

**THE REPORTED MURDER OF GERMANE.**

BERLIN, Jan. 29.—The semi-official  
"Norddeutsch Allgemeine Zeitung"  
to-day says nothing is known in official  
quarters here in confirmation of the  
report that 4 German sailors, besides  
the man Schulze, had been killed at  
Tsimo in Kiao-Chau.

**GERMAN REINFORCEMENTS FOR THE  
PACIFIC.**

ODessa, Jan. 29.—The steamer Saratov left here to-day for the Far  
East, having on board several officers  
of the Russian Pacific Squadron and  
a number of recruits for the troops in  
the Amur military district.

**CLIMBING DOWN.**

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 29.—In an article  
to-day the "Novosti" observes that  
serious complications are not likely  
to arise in the Far East, considering  
that a conflict between Great Britain  
and the other Powers could only occur  
in the event of the latter attempting  
to infringe British commercial rights,  
and, adds the journal, neither Russia,  
Germany, nor France have any intention  
of doing that.

**LAST STRIKE PA.**

YALTA, Jan. 29.—The strike to a standstill  
of 30,000 men on took place, the total sum disbursed being  
estimated at about £26,500. The same  
rates as before were allowed.

**DEATH.**

**DISATISFACTION WITH THE LEADERS.**

The struggle is likely to lead to a

complete change in the management  
of the A.S.E. In conversation with a  
press representative yesterday, an  
official of one of the local unions stated  
that feelings of great dissatisfaction  
prevailed among a large section of  
the men at the way in which their leaders  
had conducted the dispute, and that  
an inquiry into the whole affair would  
be called for as soon as matters were  
set in working order again. It is alleged  
that some of the leaders knew  
they were beaten a month ago, although Mr. Barnes publicly stated  
that the strike funds were by no means  
exhausted, and encouraged the men to  
hold out.

**WHY DID THEY WITHDRAW?**

For the medals, and she was pleased to

grant it. All who were interested in  
the real cause of complaint is in  
connection with the 8 hours question,  
which, the men declare, was settled by  
the employers themselves without first  
consulting the unions.

**THEPEOPLE.**

The loan negotiations continue, adds  
the same correspondent, and the Chinese  
regard the British terms with increasing  
favour. The French representative  
now appears reluctant to support  
the menacing language of the  
Russian Chargé d'Affaires with regard  
to the opening of Tsien-wan.

The correspondent adds that at a meeting  
of the Grand Council in Pekin on

Thursday night it was decided to approach  
the British and Russian Governments  
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**HALF-AND-HALF.**

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**ENGAND'S IRRESOLUTION; RUSSIA'S  
POWER.**

From the same source we learn that  
the Russian ships at Port Arthur and  
Tsien-wan are experiencing serious  
difficulty in obtaining the necessary  
coal supply. In spite of a subsequent  
official explanation, the Chinese believe  
that the withdrawal of the British  
ships from Port Arthur at this  
juncture indicates England's irresolu-  
tion and Russia's power. The explanation  
is considered unsatisfactory and the  
decision has had a most unfortunate  
effect, as it weakens the British  
position.

**THEPEOPLE.**

**FOR THE PRINCE OF WALES.**

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In this matter the Prince of Wales  
has faithfully reflected English senti-  
ment. He is entitled to the credit of  
having seen through the German  
ruler's sentiments from a very early  
period of his reign, and to have firmly  
refused to be party to the condon-  
ation of the Emperor William's  
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## CIGARETTE PAPERS. By JOSEPH HATTON.

**Terriss and Madame Patti.** When Terriss formally opened Madame Patti's private theatre at Craig-y-Nos, representing on that occasion Sir Henry Irving, who was prevented from accepting the dive's invitation, he was for some days the life and soul of the place. It is true he and somewhat outraged Madame's censorious views of etiquette. While she is ever a delightful and charming hostess, she plays the part of a queen in her castle and is accustomed to the homage due to her state. Terriss hated forms and ceremonies, and rarely tolerated the habit of evening dress, except when he was compelled to wear it on the stage. If he had been a vain man he would have lost no opportunity to take advantage of the recognised costume of a gentleman, for he became it. On the first day of his visit he more than astonished Madame. Patti by appearing at dinner in a smoking jacket. The splendour of the castle and its superb decorations had made no impression upon Terriss. He regarded the establishment as a mere country place; he was away from town on a holiday; he dressed as he would at Deal or Margate. Deal was one of his most favourite retreats during vacation time. Patti had arranged a little play in which Terriss was to be a North American Indian. There was a boat on an imaginary lake. The boat was a solid property. Suddenly Terriss dashed into the imaginary lake, seized the real Patti in the real boat, and carried her off into the wings a bit of realism that put her out of breath, but for all that she liked the unconventional, daring young actor, who, by the way, after dinner (the ladies having retired, leaving however, a brilliant company at table), called upon Sir Edward Lawson for a song!

### Nicolini at Craig-y-Nos.

The people of the picturesque Swansea valley who have been brought so much in contact with the hospitable and gracious lady of Craig-y-Nos have shown the deepest sympathy with her in the loss of her husband, Ernest Nicolini. It was chiefly to Nicolini that his passion for angling that Madame bought the Welsh estate, with its fine trout stream, the Tawe, and its adjacent salmon river, the Usk, originally it cost her £6,000; she has enlarged, improved, and beautified it at an expense of some £60,000; it is now one of the most picturesque and commodious country residences in Great Britain. Poor Nicolini in the early days at Craig-y-Nos somewhat amused the natives by his sporting costumes. Continental to our thinking dress extravagantly for the chase and the amuse. Nicolini used to look more like a figure out of an opera when he went out to fish the waters of the Usk or the Tawe than a disciple of our English Walton. But the Welsh people soon got used to these foreign characteristics of the lord of the castle; and Madame, Patti made herself speedily beloved by every one. Good to the poor, neighbourly, a friend in need on many hard occasions, she played the Lady Bountiful to perfection. Her influence and her generosity soon spread further afield than the villages. She has more than once greatly inconvenienced herself to serve local institutions and is received as a veritable queen by the Mayor and Corporation and the heads of the historic old town.

**Terriss and Irving at Rehearsal.** Irving rarely lost an opportunity of a bit of badinage with Terriss, always, however, in the most friendly spirit. Terriss knew his man just as well as Irving knew him. I recall an incident in point. Terriss had added to a costume a band of ribbon for the neck, a showy bit of colour, and appeared in it at the dress rehearsal. He knew well enough that Irving would spot it, and having spotted it if he praised it, the ribbon was doomed. Express care had previously been taken in regard to the correctness of the costume. "Hello, old friend, what have you got there?" "Don't you like it? I thought the costume wanted colour, eh? Go it at Auguste's; it was worth, you know, in the period of the play." "No doubt," said Irving smiling, "it's charming, a lovely bit of colour, quite the right feeling." Glad you like it, governor," said Terriss with a doubtful smile. "Like it?" said Irving. It's splendid. But I wouldn't wear it, old chap; no, I wouldn't wear it!"

### Reminiscences of Niagara.

When the Irving Company visited Niagara, I dined with them at the hotel on the Canadian side. "What a day to remember!" said Tyras after dinner. "It looked as if we shouldn't be here to join in that exclamation," said Andrews, who was so admirable as the Dauphin in "Louis XI." They and Terriss and another had during the afternoon donned the waterproof dress known to every visitor, and explored the region below the Falls. Terriss had a very narrow escape from death. There were special dangers to be encountered in the accumulations of ice, and at the hands of a party of Englishmen the dangers were of course duly attacked. Terriss slipped upon an icy descent and saved himself from pitching headlong into the torrent by clutching a jagged rock and clinging there until he could regain his footing, notwithstanding a severely lacerated hand from which the blood flowed copiously. He played with his arm in a sling for several nights afterwards.

### Through the Cave of the Winds to Eternity.

One of the saddest stories among the many tragedies of Niagara Falls is that of a calamity that occurred (almost at the very spot where Terriss met with his accident) in the autumn of 1875. It has a moral which one often sees pointed in the hunting field, at bathing stations, and in the history of sports and pastimes; it is often the expert who risks his life beyond redemption, for the reason that he is an expert. Miss Philpotts, her two brothers, a sister-in-law, and Miss Philpotts' lover, Ethelbert Parsons, went through the Cave of the Winds and climbed over the rocks towards the American Falls. They were residents of Niagara, and knew the ground. The sheltered eddies in the lighter currents under the Falls are pleasant bathing places. The Philpotts party took advantage of them. Miss Philpotts was venturesome. She bathed near one of the strongest currents. Mr. Parsons, seeing her danger, went to her rescue. Seeking for a firm foothold for both of them the girl slipped and fell. Parsons sprang for her, and both were carried into the current. He caught her round the waist. The young lady was an expert swimmer, and Parsons was quite at home in the water; they made

for the rocks on the other side of the current. The torrent carried them out. Presently Parsons swam on his back, the girl cleverly supporting herself with her hand upon his shoulder. Then suddenly she pushed him from her—the inference being that she had realised the impossibility of their both being saved—flung up her arms and sank. Parsons turned and dived after her. They were seen no more until some days afterwards, when both bodies were recovered at the whirlpool.

### Criticism and Charity at the Grafton Gallery.

Mr. Seller is a fool or the Corporation of London is a Has! The public is to decide. Mr. Seller, you will remember, withdrew his collection of Old Masters from Christie's and offered it to the City of London. Although they have done some good things in the way of popularising high art, there are persons who would be chary in looking for reliable criticism in the matter of Old Masters (or young for that matter) at the hands of a body of aldermen and councillors. Anyhow, the London magnates assumed such a knowledge of Art as to considerably astonish Mr. Seller. They ventured to question the originality of Mr. Seller's treasures; indeed they intimated that Mr. Seller had sold. Furthermore, the Corporation had the audacity and the ingratitude to decline them as a gift, on which, says Mr. Seller, "Either I am a fool, who does not know one picture from another, or the Corporation is, for declining my offer." Thereupon he unloaded the treasures at the Grafton Gallery, calls in the public to judge between him and the City Fathers, and gives the gift money to the Children's Sanatorium Fund. Thus criticism for once is allied with charity, and both with Art. And it is indeed a remarkable exhibition. Mr. Seller bought most of the pictures, it is said, in Belgium, and it is suggested that not a few have been painted there. If that be so, many of them must be recent productions. They are as fresh and gay and bright of colour as if hardly a year had supervened since they left the easels of the dead old masters. There are Rembrandts, Vandycks, Botticellis, Raphaels, Titians, and adds a wag at my elbow, "Gerard Doe."

### A Dramatic Story and True.

Far be it from me to suggest that Mr. Seller is a fool. Or that the Corporation, collectively or otherwise, is a Has. Or that Belgian has been practising upon any one's credulity or want of knowledge, but I am reminded of a somewhat dramatic incident that occurred a few years ago in connection with old silver. A certain well known West-end dealer in masterpieces of antique ware had an occasional customer, not unknown in the great journalistic world, who resided in the north of England. This gentleman bought a few pieces from the West-end dealer. One day, shown a very fine example of antique plate as an original piece, he said, "Oh, but I have the fellow to it in my collection." "I think not," said the dealer. But the north country gentleman assured him that he had, and indeed several other much finer pieces of about the same period. Of course—The marriage would hold good against the respective creditors.

J. W. C.—No change.

E. H. FINE.—Too late; would not be valid.

P. A. L.—You must turn out.

S. A.—At the Court of Queen's Bench.

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R. M. BIRMINGHAM.—You were written to on the 24th inst.

A. W.—Eat your food slowly, mysticate it well; drink but little fluid with your meal; eat dry without eating in the open air; avoid all strong acids and tea.

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F. W. E.—Not a legal question.

J. W. C.—The marriage would hold good, but the parties might be punished.

VANAS.—Still recoverable.

ONOMIA.—The trustees are not bound to supply her with any information.

HAPLOSTH.—The first step is to engage a solicitor.

LAMP.—We cannot predict how the case would be decided.

A. C. C.—You take your father's share.

G. E.—Consult counsel before taking action.

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## PARIS.

BY EMILE ZOLA.

## II.—TOWARDS LIFE.

One evening, at the close of a good day's work, Pierre, who was helping Thomas, suddenly caught his foot in the skirt of his cassock, and narrowly escaped falling. At this Marie exclaimed: "Why don't you take it off?" There was no malice in her inquiry.

She simply looked upon the priestly robe as too heavy and cumbersome when one had certain work to perform. Nevertheless, her words deeply impressed Pierre, and he could not forget them. When he was at home in the evening, and repeated them to himself, they threw him into feverish agitation. Why indeed had he not divested himself of that cassock, which weighed so heavily on his shoulders? Then a frightful struggle began within him, and he spent a sleepless night, a prey once more to all his former torments.

At first sight it seemed very simple for him to cast his priestly gown aside, for had he not censured to discharge any priestly office? He had not said mass for some time past, and this surely meant renunciation of the priesthood. Nevertheless, so long as he retained his gown it was possible that he might some day say mass again, whereas, if he cast it aside, he would, as it were, disrobe himself, quit the priesthood entirely, without possibility of return. It was a terrible step to take, one that would be irretrievable; and thus he paced his room for hours, in great anguish of mind.

He had formerly indulged in a superb dream. Whilst believing nothing himself, he had resolved to watch, in all loyalty, over the belief of others. He would not so lower himself as to forsake his vows, he would be no base renegade, but however great his torments he would remain the minister of man's illusions respecting the Divinity. And it was by reason of his conduct in this respect that he had been venerated as a saint—he who denied himself everything.

For a long time his false position had never disturbed him, but it now brought him acute suffering. It seemed to him that he would be acting in the vilest manner if he delayed adapting his life in accord with his opinions. The question was a very clear one. By what right did he remain the minister of a religion in which he no longer believed? Did not elementary honesty require that he should quit the church? He regarded its dogmas as puerile errors, and yet he persisted in teaching them as if they were eternal truths. It was this base work that alarmed his conscience. He vainly sought the feverish glow of charity and martyrdom which had led him to offer himself as a sacrifice, willing to suffer all the tortures of doubt and to find his own life lost and ravaged, provided that he might yet afford the relief of hope to the lowly. Truth and nature, no doubt, had already regained too much ascendancy over him for those feelings to return.

What must Marie think of his prolonged falsehood? he wondered; and thereupon he seemed to hear her words again: "Why not take your cassock off?" His heart bled as if those words were a stab. What contempt must she not feel for him, she who was so upright, so high minded? Every word of blame, every covert criticism directed against his conduct, seemed to find embodiment in her. It now sufficed that she should condemn him, and he at once felt guilty. At the same time she had never signified her disapproval to him, in all probability because she did not think she had any right to intervene in the struggle of conscience. The superb calmness which she displayed still astonished him. He himself was ever haunted and tortured by thoughts of what the morrow of death might have in store for one; but, although he had watched her for days together, he had never seen her give a sign of doubt or distress. This exemption from suffering was due, said she, to the fact that she gave all her gaiety, energy, and sense of duty to the task of living, in such wise that life itself proved a sufficiency, and no time was left for mere fancies to terrify and stupefy her. Well, then, since she was but air of quiet strength had asked him why he did not take off his cassock, he would take it off—yes, he would divest himself of that robe which seemed to burn and weigh him down.

He fancied himself calmed by this decision, and towards morning threw himself upon his bed; but all at once a renewal of his heartfelt anguish brought him to his feet again. No, no, he could not divest himself of that gown which clung so tightly to his flesh. His skin would come away with his cloth, his whole being would be lacerated! Is not the mark of priesthood an indelible one, does it not brand the priest for ever, and differentiate him from his flock? Even should he tear off his gown, he would take it off—yes, he would divest himself of that robe which seemed to burn and weigh him down.

"I told them to come up here, father," said Thomas, "for I thought that one might pay their landlord a month's rent, so that they might go home again. . . Ah! there's somebody coming now—it's they, no doubt."

Guillaume had felt angry with himself whilst listening to his son, for he had not previously thought of the poor creatures. It was the old story: There was a sudden gust of wind, a whirl of skirts and a ring of laughter, and the child finds themselves in the streets, starving. Whichever Justice strikes a man blow travels beyond him, falls innocent being and kills them.

Madame Théodore came in, humble and timid, like a luckless creature whom life never wears of persecuting. She was becoming almost blind, and little Céline had to lead her. The girl's fair, thin face wore its wonted expression of shrewd intelligence, and even now was occasionally brightened by a smile.

Pierre and Marie, who were both there, felt extremely touched. Near them was Madame Mathis, young Victor's mother, who had come to help Madame Léon with the mending of some house-lined. She went out by the day in this fashion among a few families, and was thus enabled to give her an occasional franc. However, Guillaume alone questioned Madame Théodore.

"Ah! monsieur," she stammered, "who could ever have thought Salvat capable of such a thing, he who is so good and so humane? Still it is true, since he himself has admitted it to the magistrate. . . For my part I told everybody that he was in Belgium. I wasn't quite sure of it, still I'm glad that he didn't come back to see us; for if he had been arrested at our place I should have lost my senses. . . Well, now that they have him, they'll sentence him to death, that's certain."

At this Céline, who had been looking and then exclaimed: "By the way, do you know what I found awaiting me

on my return? Why, I found my mannae, they won't hurt him!"

Big tears gushed from the child's eyes as she raised this cry. Guillaume kissed her, and then went on questioning Madame Théodore.

"Weil, monsieur," she answered, "the child's not old or big enough to work as yet, and my eyes are done for, people won't even take me as a charwoman. And so it's simple enough, we must starve. . . Oh! of course I'm not without relations; I have a sister who married very well. Her husband is a clerk, Monsieur Chrétiennet, who is a very good man. Unfortunately he's rather proud, and as I don't want any scenes between him and my sister, I no longer go to see her. Besides, she is in despair just now, for she is expecting another baby, which is a terrible blow for a small household, when one already has two girls. . . That's why the only person I can apply to is my brother Toussaint. His wife isn't a bad sort, but she's no longer the same since she's been living in fear of her husband having another attack. Besides, she is threatened with another burden, for her son Charles got keep company with a girl who ran away after she had a baby, which she left him to see. So one can understand that the Toussaints are hard put."

"They've already lent me a little money, and of course they can't go on lending for ever."

She continued talking in this spiritless, resigned way, complaining only on account of Céline: "For, said she, it was enough to make one's heart break to see such an intelligent child obliged to tramp the streets after getting on so well at school. She could feel too that everybody now kept aloof from them on account of Salvat. The Toussaints didn't want to be compromised in any such business. There was only Charles who had said that he could well understand a man losing his head and trying to blow up the bourgeois, because they really treated the workers in a scandalous way."

"For my part, monsieur," added Madame Théodore, "I say nothing, for I'm only a woman. All the same though, if you'd like to know my opinion, well I think that it would have been better if Salvat had been reprieved, however, by the story of Bergaz and the burg'ary, and would only answer her in a general way."

"Oh! they've exaggerated nothing!" Rosemonde gaily rejoined. "As a matter of fact they have omitted a number of particulars which were too filthy for publication. . . The result has been

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Meantime, Hyacinthe was renewing his acquaintance with his schoolfellow, François and Antoine. He had

been shut up in strict confinement, at the mercy of the ambitious Amédieu. Guillaume had learnt from his son, Thomas, that the prisoner could count no support among his former mates at the Grandidier works. These works were becoming prosperous once more, thanks to their steady output of bicycles; and it was said that Grandidier was only waiting for Thomas to perfect his little motor, in order to start the manufacture of motor-cars on a large scale. However, his present success, which scarcely repaid him for all his years of toil and struggle, had in certain respects rendered him prudent and even severe. He did not wish any suspicion to be cast upon his business by Salvat's crime, and so he had dismissed such workmen as held Anarchist views. If he had kept the two Toussaints, it was because they had belonged to the works for a score of years, and he did not like to cast them adrift. Moreover, Toussaint, the father, had declared that if he were called as a witness for the defence, he should simply give such particulars of Salvat's career as related to the prisoner's marriage with his sister.

One evening when Thomas came home from the works, to which he paid a visit every now and then in order to try his little motor, he related that he had that day seen Madame Grandidier, the poor young woman who had become insane through an attack of puerperal fever following upon the death of a child. Her husband kept her in a pavilion near the works, and as a rule the shutters of the windows overlooking the yard remained closed. Thus Thomas had been greatly surprised to see one of these windows open, and the young woman appear at it amidst the bright sunshine of that early spring. True, she only remained there for a moment, vision-like, fair, and pretty, with smiling face, for a moment, when suddenly drew near closed the window, and the pavilion then again sank into lifeless silence. It was reported, however, among the men employed at the works, that the poor creature had not experienced a relapse for well-nigh a month past, and that this was the reason why the "governor" looked so strong and pleased, and worked so vigorously to help on the increasing prosperity of his business.

"He isn't a bad fellow," added Thomas, "but with the terrible competition that he has to encounter, he is bent on keeping his men under control. If he shows no pity for Salvat, it is because he really believes in the necessity of an example."

Madame Mathis looked at her in astonishment. Ignorant as she was of her son's real life and views, she perceived a vague dread at the idea of any connection between him and Salvat's family. Moreover, she refused to believe it possible. "Oh! you must be mistaken," she said. "Victor told me that he now seldom came to Montmartre, as he was always going about in search of work."

By the anxious quiver of the widow's voice, Madame Théodore understood that she ought not to have mixed her up in her troubles; and so in all humility she responded: "I beg your pardon, madame, I didn't think I should hurt your feelings. Perhaps, too, I'm mistaken, as you say."

Then Madame Mathis again turned to her sewing. "Ah! that dear son of hers, whom she loved so well; however much he might neglect her, she had given her only remaining hope in him; he was her last dream, and would some day lavish all kinds of happiness upon her!"

At that moment Madame Léon came down stairs laden with a bundle of linen and woollen clothing, and Madame Théodore and little Céline therewith prepared while pouring forth their thanks.

When Pierre returned to Montmartre on the following day he witnessed a visit of a very different kind.

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"Less aesthetic, precisely," rejoined Hyacinthe. "Beauty lies solely in the unexpressed, and life is simply degraded when one introduces anything material into it."

Simpleton though he was, he doubtless detected that François had been speaking ironically. So he turned to Antoine, who had remained seated in front of a block he was engraving. It

was the one which represented Lise reading in her garden, for he was ever taking it in hand again and touching it up in his desire to emphasize his indication of the girl's awakening to intelligence and life.

"So you engrave, I see," said Hyacinthe. "Well, since I renounced

verification, because words seemed to me gross and cumbersome, I myself have had some idea of trying drawing, and perhaps engraving too. But what

drawing can portray the mystery that lies beyond life, the only sphere

that has any real importance for us?

With what pencil and on what kind

of plate could one depict it? We

should need something impalpable,

something unheard of, which would

merely suggest the essence of things and beings."

"But it's only by material means,"

Antoine somewhat roughly replied.

"That art can render the essence of

things and beings, that is their full

significance as we understand it. To

transcribe life is my great passion;

and briefly life is the only mystery that

there is in things and beings. When

it seems to me that an engraving of

mine lives, I'm well pleased, for

I feel that I have created something."

Hyacinthe sneered by way of expressing his contempt of all such notions. Any fool might beget offspring. It was the impalpable, existing by itself, that was rare and to be desired.

Meantime, Pierre and Marie listened

and gazed around them, some

what embarrassed by this strange visit

which had set the workshop topsy-turvy. The little Princess, however,

evinced much amiability, and on draw-

ing near to Marie admired the wonder-

ful delicacy of some embroidery she

was finishing. Before leaving, more-

over, Rosemonde insisted upon Gui-

laume inserting his autograph in an

album which Hyacinthe had to fetch

from her carriage. The young man

obeyed her with evident reluctance. It

could be seen that they were already

wearied of one another. Pending a

fresh fancy, however, it amused Rose-

monde to amuse herself at the ex-

pense of her victim. When she at

length led him away, after declaring to

Guillaume that she should always

regard that visit as a memorable inci-

dent in her life, she made the whole

household smile by saying: "Oh! so

your sons knew Hyacinthe at college.

He is a good-natured little fellow, isn't

he? and he would really be quite nice,

if he would only behave like other people."

The same day Janzen and Bache came to spend the evening with Guillaume. Once a week they now met at Montmartre, as they had formerly done at Neuilly. Pierre, on these occasions, went home very late, for as soon as Madame Léon, Marie, and Guillaume's sons had retired for the night, there were endless chats in the workroom. Another visitor at these times was Théophile Morin, but he seldom arrived before ten o'clock, as he was detained by the work of correcting the pupils' exercises.

Guillaume had already read in the newspapers that a band of young Anarchists had entered the Prince's little house by breaking a basement window. She had left it quite deserted, without even a caretaker; and the robbers had not merely removed everything from the premises—including even the larger articles of furniture, but had lived there for a couple of days, bringing provisions in from outside, drinking all the wine they found in the cellars, and leaving every room in a most disgusting condition. On discovering this, Rosemonde had immediately remembered the evening she had spent at the Chamber of Horrors in the company of Bergaz and his acolytes, Rossi and Sanfaute, who had heard her speak of her intended trip to Norway. The two young men had therefore been arrested, but Bergaz had so far escaped. According to Janzen, the latter, like Raphaël, had simply sold himself to the police, who had planned the burglary for the express purpose of covering the Anarchist cause with mire. If proof was wanted of this, said Janzen, it could be found in the fact that the police had allowed Bergaz to escape.

"I fancied that the newspapers might have exaggerated matters," said Guillaume, when the Prince had finished her story.

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## JACK ALLROUND.

**POTTED SPRATS.**—Select fresh sprats which have not been salted, wipe them, take off the heads, then wash the fish in cold water and spread them out to drain; when drained, put them in a deep basin or other convenient vessel. Have some boiling water, to which add a little salt, and while the water is boiling pour it over the sprats. When they have remained in the water for a few minutes, you will find the fish can be removed from the bones without any trouble. Having got all the flesh off, put it in a mortar and pound it up; or, if you have not a mortar, pound it up on a dish, using the bowl of a silver or wooden spoon. While pounding, add white pepper, and a little salt to taste. Have ready shiny ovens of jam crocks and green the inside of these with clarified butter; then pack the pounded fish into the crocks, and set them in slow oven to bake for from half an hour to one hour, according to size of crocks and strength of heat. Let them cool quite cold. After cooling them pour over the top of each crock to the depth of one inch, hot clarified butter, and thus allow them to become quite cold and hard before tying down with bladder or prepared parchment paper. If corked and secured, the sprats should keep good for 2 or 3 weeks.

To Dry BILLIARD BALLS.—The every to be dyed must be made chemically clean and free from all taint of grease. You must not even touch the balls with your fingers; and to avoid doing so, when removing the balls from one vessel to another, 3 clean flat pieces of wood must be employed. Begin by polishing the balls with whitening and water, rinses off all trace of whitening, and, using the pieces of wood, pick up the balls from the plain clean water and drop them one by one into acidulated water, made by adding one part nitric acid to 40 parts water. In this bath they should remain according to circumstance and judgment for from 3 to 5 minutes, then pick them up in the same way and drop them into clean cold water, that has been previously boiled. The balls are now clean, though some think they should again go into a bath of acidulated water, remain there for a minute, and from it at once be dropped into the dye. If you are dying many balls, of course, the first acidulated water, from the fact of its cleansing them, must receive some contamination, hence the necessity for the cold boiled water; but this, it is said, does not affect the balls, I am told, take the dye bath straight out of the second acidulated water, which should be a little weaker in acid than the first. For a red dye have ready an infusion of cochineal in liquor ammonia, and, still taking the balls up with the flat sticks, drop them into the cochineal, sticks, drop them into the cochineal, sticks, and leave them there till coloured to your liking.

COCOA-NUT SOUP.—Although, perhaps, not met with so often as it might be in England, my correspondent lately returned from India is mistaken in supposing it to be unknown in this country. I am pleased therefore to give him the following recipe:—Take 2 ripe coco-nuts, break them open, pare off the brown skin that covers the kernel, which latter scrape or finely grate, put the grated kernel into a sauceman with either 2 quarts of milk or 2 quarts of white stock and a blade of mace, simmer very gently, for half an hour, and strain through a fine sieve. Have ready beaten up the yolks of 6 eggs, with a little mace and enough finely-ground pepper to thicken the soup. This should be carefully prepared and mixed into a perfectly smooth batter, and added by degrees to the soup. Allow all to simmer gently, and keep stirring until ready. Season with salt and white pepper. The soup must on no account be allowed to boil; if it does it will certainly spoil. Rice well boiled, so that the grains are dry and well separated, should be served with this soup.

CLEANING SCARLET COATS.—First shake and brush out all dust and superficial dirt from the coat. Take 1 oz. of oxalic acid in powder, and about 1 oz. or less of cochineal; put the cochineal into about 2 pints of hot water and crush it in the water until you get out the dye, and when you have got the liquor near the colour of the coat strain it off. Reserve half a pint of the cochineal water, and add to the half pint till you have about one pint; set that aside. Now, into the pint and a half of coloured water put the oxalic acid, and mix till it is completely dissolved. It is now ready for use. With a piece of clean flannel or sponge well rub the soiled or stained coat, and as soon as the stains have disappeared, rub the coat, you have been working on with the reserved coloured water, so as to get rid of much of the acid as possible for the acid, while it cleanses, is apt to left in to slightly lighten the colour of the cloth, especially where the stain has been, and when most rubbing was required with acid. This recipe was sent me by one who had practically tested its good effect.

RASPBERRY SYRUP.—An imitation raspberry flavour may be made by putting into one pint of alcohol 3 oz. of well-ripened orris root, 2 oz. tartaric acid, 1 oz. acetic ether, and sufficient cochineal to colour. Mix and allow the whole to stand for a few days in a corked bottle, then filter. Bottle and cork securely, and use what is necessary for flavouring the following simple syrup:—Take 3 lb. of lump sugar, and pour over it one quart of cold water; set it to boil, carefully removing any scum that rises. When the syrup comes to the boil, allow it to boil for just one minute, then draw it from the fire and add as much of the raspberry decoction as is necessary to give a nice flavour to the syrup, bearing in mind that it will be further diluted. Mix well, then strain through a fine cloth and bottle for use. One, two, or three tablespoonsfuls, according to taste, may be used for a tumblerful of either hot or cold water.

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## OUR LOCAL THEATRES.

Twice during the past week has the Park Lane been given up to invitation performances. First came the children of the Royal Caledonian Asylum, on the invitation of the management, and it is needless to say they thoroughly enjoyed the fun and frolic of this exceptionally amusing pantomime. Prior to the rise of the curtain on "Cinderella," the youthful pipers discoursed Scotch airs, including "Cock o' the North," while their comrades vigorously danced flings and reels. Later the hospitality of the theatre was extended to the children of the Islington Parochial School, who also brought their own music, a brass band, and played popular selections in a manner that was well received. Harry Tait is here to entertain with his mimetic sketch, introducing imitations of musical hall celebrities. Charles Godfrey is well to the fore with his latest successes, and Tom White's Arab contributes to the general enjoyment. Mr. F. W. Niles is an admirable assistant manager, and one who knows how to keep his forces well together.

## THE WASHINGTON.

Despite many rumours, the favourite hall of the Battersea folk still flourishes under the management of Mr. A. Thiodon, who provides a company of sufficient merit to secure hearty and unstinted approbation. The Cosman Couple open the entertainment as usual with a duet finishing with some excellent dancing by the lady.

"Madame," said F. W. Wilkinson

"I am genuinely funny in his rendering of the Irish ditty, 'Hooley's Musketeer,'

his humorous remonstrances with members of the orchestra causing no little amusement. He contributes 2 other songs,

"Now that the girl has got the trousers,"

"He's such a villain," each good of its kind. One of the most pleasing and pretty turns is provided by the Sisters Victoria and Adela, who, as jester, dancer, and comedienne, are justly described as "unrivalled."

The sister responsible for the working part of the show is alert and graceful in most difficult "business." The lady clings by her foot to the shoulder of both, balanced on the points of a mortal star, and in that position goes through an effective juggling act. William Bates, whom we accorded recognition when he first appeared under the vague title of "extra turn," plays the corner rôle of artist; he is, and a good idea is, the introduction of the fine-looking of the fine-looking of the

ONE OF THE SISTERS A soldier who, from the stalls, sings a solo, accompanied by Mr. Bates. The Lumière Royal Triograph presents the beautiful pictures which delighted the Prince and Princess at Sandringham, and have since been the subject of universal praise. Dorothy Alexander appears in "A Girl's Empire," now appearing here in a second edition, and some new novel and entertaining scenes have been introduced into the programme, making the whole additionally exciting and entertaining. The performance, of course, concludes with the grand sporting equestrian pantomime, representing "A Star Hunt of the Present Day," with special scenery and decorations by M. Dubois, of Brussels, the whole invented and arranged by Mr. Wulf.

## HALLS AND PALACES.

Preparations at the Alexandra Palace are proceeding rapidly, and arrangements have been completed to run an electric tramway from the Wood Green entrance up to the top of the hill for the benefit of residents in the locality. So great has

been the demand for membership of the choral society that hundreds of applicants have had to be refused pending confirmation.

Daily variety and prominent concerts,

organ recitals, aerial exhibitions in the central hall, dramatic performances, &c., will be features of the season, and free seats will be provided for all entertainments except the dramatic performances.

Outside will be military and other tournaments, parachute descents, bi-wheeled firework displays on a big scale, al fresco concerts, open air plays, a fair, &c. A special feature will be made of the Japanese Tea Garden.—At the Royal Victoria Hall, Waterford, contracts will follow the usual routine during February. On Feb. 3 there will be an operatic costume recital of "The Bohemian Girl"; on the 10th there will be a grand ball concert, at which the Misses Kati Cove, Mabel Binkhorn, Madame Dews, Messrs. Nash Hobbs, H. Davies, and C. Copland, and the Minnesingers Quartette will assist; on the 17th there will be an operatic costume recital of George Fox's "Nydia"; and on the 24th a Welsh concert, when the Misses Teray, Blamey, Hughes, and Annie Layton, Messrs. Dyed Lewis, Layton, and W. L. Cockburn, and Mr. John Thomas (the Queen's Harpist) will appear.

A new ballet will shortly be added at the Empire, and will probably be called

"The Press." All the important news-

papers in the metropolis will be represented, and M. Wilhelm has designed

some characteristic dresses. The sports and fashion papers are to be grouped,

Mrs. Zammett representing Fashion.

Madame Katti Langet has arranged the ballet, M. Leopold Wenzel is the composer

of the music, and the choruses have been

written by Mr. Horace Lennard.—Mr.

A. Jones's complimentary concert and ball

takes place at Holborn Town Hall. Many artists have promised assistance.—At the People's Empire, Bow, where an excellent company is now

appearing, there is to be a grand dancing

for the championship of the

world next week, commencing Feb. 7.—

The Yachting Exhibition, which opens

at the Aquarium on Tuesday, promises

to be a great success. Many builders and

private owners contribute, including the

Prince of Wales. The bicycle polo in St.

Stephen's great hall has soon "caught

on." On Friday afternoon, when there

was some exceedingly smart play, we noted

a large audience. The way the

riders strike the ball with the front wheel is remarkable, and must be seen to be believed.—Wulf's great circus at the

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## MOHAWK MINSTRELS.

When it is found that a particular form of entertainment has a following for 20 years, it comes within the region of honest truth to say that its originators have understood the desires and tastes of a large section of the public. Tastes in other respects may change, but the coloured caterers for public favour at the Agricultural Hall find no decline in patronage. The first part of their perfor-

mance commences, as usual, with a number of tuneful ballads and comic songs, in which some of the old favourites, includ-

ing Messrs. Harry Francis, Little Thomas, Johnny Schofield, and Johnnie Dan-

take part, and conclude with a few do-

matical disturbances. They entitled

"Our's is a 'Happy Home!'" This is amusingly ren-

dered by Messrs. Danvers, Scobell,

Scott, and Harry Francis, the latter tak-

ing the part of "Pongo," an escaped mon-

key, who upsets the home in an appro-

priate monkey fashion. Then follows a variety

entertainment, in the course of which

Billy Hobbs proves himself to be an ex-

tremely clever dancer. But perhaps the

prettiest and most successful venture of

the evening is a study in blue, entitled

"The Willow Pattern Plate," the

parts being taken by the chief members

of the company. This is an artistic pro-

duction, and the scenery and the costumes

are those made familiar by the

now much-prized Willow pattern pates.

Messrs. Francis and Hunter are to be

highly congratulated on the combina-

tion which they place before the audience,

while a notice of the entertainment would

be incomplete without mentioning the

instrumental performances which are ex-

cellent. The entertainment of the Mo-

hawk is as melodious as it is human

it contains elements well calculated to

suit all tastes, its negro ministry ranges

from gay to grave, and above all, attains

that "naturalness expressed in the words,

"funny without being vulgar."

## COLLINS'S.

The programme which is being pre-

sented at this splendidly-appointed hall is

made up of good and useful material, and

the effect produced in the auditorium

is one well-calculated to cheer the

hearts of the managers. The fact is Mr.

Collins is thoroughly conversant with the

music market, and nobody knows better

how to select such entertainers as will

appeal successfully to Islington pleasure

seekers. Mr. W. Looley and his musical

confederates open with an overture re-

duced in capital style, and after this pre-

face come the stage items. Alec Hurley

is a reigning favourite. He informed

audience that "He didn't know what to

say," and following this he sings with ex-

cellent point "My old barrow." Another

highly acceptable confederate is

the young Mr. Collins, whose value

is extracted by the treatment they receive

from the singer. "Good bye" and "Our

## IN THE DIVORCE COURT.

## CRUEL AND DIVORCED.

HARBOURT v. HARBOURT.—Petition of

Mrs. Elizabeth Florence Harcourt, Ground,

alleged cruelty and desertion.

In a supplemental petition, Mrs. Har-

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**THE ST. NEOT'S MYSTERY PRISONER BEFORE THE MAGISTRATES.**

**SENSATIONAL DETAILS.**

Walter Horsford, the central figure in the St. Neot's poisoning mystery, is only 29 years of age. He is prepossessing, tall and having good features. He is fair complexioned, has a small mouth, a slightly twisted, and neatly trimmed side-whisker, while his dress on Wednesday, when he came before the magistrates at St. Neot's, was well-fitting enough to attract the attention of most of those in the court. In short, his entire appearance was that of the well-to-do sporting farmer. He was apparently cool and collected, and leisurely surveyed his surroundings. When the case was called Horsford, who is charged with the wilful murder of his cousin, Mrs. Annie Holmes, widow, 38 years old, was permitted to seat himself, and he listened attentively, but without the slightest trace of anxiety, to the statement of Mr. Mauls, who conducted the prosecution on behalf of the Treasury. There was a full bench of magistrates, and in the court every inch of room was occupied by persons belonging to the district anxious to follow

**A STRANGE AND MYSTERIOUS CASE** through all its various details. Indeed, the surrounding district has awakened to the fact that it has quite a big sensation on hand. Trains from all the neighbouring places brought in crowds, and before 10 o'clock the streets of the usually quiet little town presented a remarkable appearance. This, perhaps, is not to be wondered at. Horsford is well known as a prosperous farmer, a prominent follower of the Fitzwilliam, Oakley, and Cambridgeshire hounds, and an expert shot. He is a member of one of the best known families in a wide agricultural district, the Horsford family having lived at Stow Longa for many generations.

**MURKIN HIS COUSIN, A PRETTY GIRL** Eleven weeks ago Horsford married his cousin, Miss Bessie Mash, a pretty girl, 22. They went to live at Spaldwick, taking a large house there, and it was there he was arrested just after having returned from his honeymoon, and charged with murdering Mrs. Holmes, his cousin, by sending her strichine, and giving her instructions to take it, adding, "It was perfectly harmless." Accused vehemently denies this, and says he has never written to deceased, nor had he known her intimately. Supt. Freestone, however, went to Spaldwick, with the evidence in which the poison was sent, and found on the blotting-paper in Horsford's study, a fac-simile of the address, which he read with the aid of a pocket looking-glass. On this evidence then, Horsford finds himself charged with perjury as well as murder, and what has added

**A FRESH SENSATION**

to an already sensational case, is the fact that a former sweetheart of Horsford's, Fanny James by name, died in her sister's arms at Kettering in 1890, after receiving a letter from the accused. Miss James' dying symptoms have been described in detail to the police by her sister, and found, it is said, to be identical with strichine poisoning. The present charge, however, is confined to the case of Mrs. Holmes, whose body has been exhumed, and in opening the proceedings, Mr. Mauls said the inquiry would be of great length, and it would be impossible to finish that day.

**BODY OF MRS. HOLMES EXHUMED.** Since the last hearing the body of Mrs. Holmes had been exhumed, and Dr. Stevenson, who for the Treasury was to conduct the analysis of the stomach,

had stated that he would not be prepared to give the result of his analysis for some time.

On a n d e d . C o u n c i l proceeded d

to give the history of Mrs. Holmes's life during her widowhood. She came to St. Neot's a few months back to live with her son. There was no doubt she had close relationship with prisoner, and visited her at least on 2 occasions at St. Neot's, and that intimacy had taken place between them. She thought she was innocent, and communicated this to the prisoner. In reply Horsford is alleged to have written, "Dear Annie—Will come over on Friday to see if I can come to an arrangement of some sort or other, but you must remember that I paid you... so if I thought well not to give you anything you could not get it, but still I don't want to talk. If you are really so, don't write any more letters, as

I DON'T WANT BESSIE TO KNOW."

Yours truly, W. Horsford.

—On Jan. 7 Mrs. Holmes retired to rest, having suffered from neuralgia the whole of the day, and her daughter noticed that she took with her a glass of water. When the daughter got to bed her mother was lying perfectly still, but when about to fall asleep she was awakened by a movement, and lighting a candle saw her mother was seriously ill. A conversation took place between them, and a doctor was fetched. Mrs. Holmes died the same night, and the doctor gave information to the police. Dr. Anderson made a post mortem, and found traces of strichine poisoning. This had been preceded by the finding by a Mrs. Hemans whilst engaged in laying out the body of 2 packets under the matress. The second packet contained a paper with writing upon it and the

remains of a powder. She communicated this to the police, but

**FURTHER DISCOVERY.** In December Horsford purchased large quantities of arsenic and strichine from a chemist at Thrapston, 12 miles from his residence, but a police search of prisoner's house did not result in the discovery of any poison.

The daughter of deceased would prove that 2 days before her mother's death she found a letter addressed to Mrs. Holmes in prisoner's handwriting and bearing the Huntingdon post-mark. She gave it to her mother, who, contrary to her custom, did not read it aloud. This, according to the theory of the prosecution, contained poison sent by the prisoner. Another letter found in the woman's bed read, "Take in a little water. It is quite harmless. Come over in a day and see you." Mr. Mauls contended that the evidence against the prisoner was direct and conclusive.—Prisoner, who had remained seated with one arm hanging over the railing of the dock, and the other supporting his head, watched the proceedings with acute interest.—Mr. Paine, chemist, Thrapston, failed to identify Horsford as a purchaser of poison at his shop. On Dec. 29 he sold someone giving the name of the prisoner 50 grains of strichine, one pound of arsenic, and one fluid ounce of prussic acid. The man said he wanted the articles to kill rats.—Replies to Mr. Spencer, who defends Horsford, witness said that when he told the man who called to purchase the poison, that he must have a witness, he did not demur or make any objection, but immediately brought in a witness named Paesler.—Paesler, a youth, was then called. He said that at the request of prisoner, who met him in the street, he consented to act as witness to the purchase of the poison.

—Annie Holmes, aged 14, daughter of the deceased, said her father, who died 14 years ago, was a coal merchant. She knew prisoner well, as he was the deceased's own cousin. Witness was 6 weeks old when her father died, and she had a little baby brother and an elder brother, who was apprenticed to a grocer. Previously to that they lived at Stonydale, where prisoner sometimes visited the deceased. She could not say how often. Twice Horsford visited the deceased at St. Neot's, the first time he came was on a Friday. Witness

**NEW PRISONERS HANDWRITING.**

and saw letters from him to her mother. One letter her mother showed her. That letter was probably lost.—Counsel (producing a letter): Is that it? No. Witness was present part of the time on both the occasions of prisoner's visits, though she could not remember the date of the second. Mrs. Holmes was assisted by Mr. Benjamin Horsford Nash, but she received regularly 10s. a month from another source. They had a very comfortable home. After her grandmother's death witness used to sleep with her mother. The deceased had a work-box in which were some powders. They were wrapped in white paper. Witness never saw or knew her mother to take any powder. Her mother generally enjoyed good health, though she suffered from neuralgia at times. She never heard of her mother taking anything for this neuralgia.—Dr. Anderson, who was called to deceased the night she died, also gave evidence. The Bench allowed, after objection by prisoner's solicitor, a statement by this witness that Mrs. Holmes told him she had taken powder to procure abortion. His post mortem examination disclosed the fact that she was not pregnant.—The accused was remanded until next Thursday.

**A LADY'S MAID WHO WAS ARRESTED IN A BREACH OF PROMISE ACTION.**

In the Queen's Bench Division, before Justice Ridley and a common jury, the case of Clinch v. Bramston, which was an action for alleged breach of promise of marriage, opened on for hearing.—Plaintiff, Miss Amelia Bessie Clinch, is a lady's maid, formerly employed in Ashley-gardens, and now residing with her mother in Vincent-st., Westminster.—Defendant, William Bramston, is a post-office employé, with a salary of £150.

He comes from Southend, but lived at the date of the alleged promise in lodgings in the neighbourhood of Vincent-st., together with a Mr. Bowles, whose name is necessary to complete the story.—Counsel described defendant as an exceedingly shy man, and Bowles as a somewhat lively soul, who appeared, while passing the house, to have made the acquaintance of plaintiff. An introduction of Mr. Bramston followed, and friendship resulted from the acquaintance, the friendship finally ripening into love upon both sides. In January, 1896, a

**PROPOSAL OF MARRIAGE**

was alleged by plaintiff to have been made by defendant, and by her accepted, an engagement ring being presented to the young lady. Plaintiff left her situation to visit defendant's family at Southend.—It appeared that a marriage was arranged between Bowles and defendant's sister, and Mr. Bramston expressed a desire that there

should be a double marriage, but no particular date was fixed for the marriage of Mr. Bowles. Plaintiff, in July, 1896, went to stay in defendant's house, but found Miss Bowles actually fiancée. Mr. Bramston, who took no notice whatever of Miss Clinch's presence, left the house disgusted, and hence the action.—Defendant denied that he had ever promised to marry plaintiff, pleaded that he had been refused to marry her if there had been a promise, and said he was still willing to marry her. It appeared that, notwithstanding the plea in the defence, that defendant "was still willing to marry," he, in fact, married Miss Bowles in October, 1897.—Plaintiff gave evidence in support of the alleged promise to marry, and other evidence, in corroboration, was given.

**DEFENDANT'S EVIDENCE.**

Defendant, in the course of his evidence, put his salary at £125 a year in the Post Office. He said there did exist in January, 1896, "to a certain extent," an engagement between him and plaintiff. He denied the fanning incident. That evening, however, he saw plaintiff home, and said that he was willing to marry her in any way, his desire being to look upon him as a friend.—Magistrate: Why did you write these letters?—Prisoner: The fact is the bark is worse than the bite. I wrote them in a fit of anger. My detention in prison drove me into bad health.—A formal remand was granted the magistrate intimating his intention to commit prisoner for trial.

**CHARGE OF ARSON WITHDRAWN.**

George Wooley, 28, fruiterer, was charged at Marylebone with setting fire to his dwelling-house, endangering a number of lives of persons residing therein, on Jan. 21.—Mr. Lewis, addressing the magistrate, said that after careful consideration of the evidence in the case the Treasury had come to the conclusion to withdraw the charge.—Prisoner was accordingly discharged.

The annual fancy and evening dress cinderella dance, provided by Mr. and Miss Lambert, is to be held at the Town Hall, Lavender Hill, Clapham Junction, tomorrow.

**JOSEPH MCNAUL'S TRADE MARK.** For Goods and Services, 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 154th, 155th, 156th, 157th, 158th, 159th, 160th, 161st, 162nd, 163rd, 164th, 165th, 166th, 167th, 168th, 169th, 170th, 171st, 172nd, 173rd, 174th, 175th, 176th, 177th, 178th, 179th, 180th, 181st, 182nd, 183rd, 184th, 185th, 186th, 187th, 188th, 189th, 190th, 191st, 192nd, 193rd, 194th, 195th, 196th, 197th, 198th, 199th, 200th, 201st, 202nd, 203rd, 204th, 205th, 206th, 207th, 208th, 209th, 210th, 211st, 212nd, 213rd, 214th, 215th, 216th, 217th, 218th, 219th, 220th, 221st, 222nd, 223rd, 224th, 225th, 226th, 227th, 228th, 229th, 230th, 231st, 232nd, 233rd, 234th, 235th, 236th, 237th, 238th, 239th, 240th, 241st, 242nd, 243rd, 244th, 245th, 246th, 247th, 248th, 249th, 250th, 251st, 252nd, 253rd, 254th, 255th, 256th, 257th, 258th, 259th, 260th, 261st, 262nd, 263rd, 264th, 265th, 266th, 267th, 268th, 269th, 270th, 271st, 272nd, 273rd, 274th, 275th, 276th, 277th, 278th, 279th, 280th, 281st, 282nd, 283rd, 284th, 285th, 286th, 287th, 288th, 289th, 290th, 291st, 292nd, 293rd, 294th, 295th, 296th, 297th, 298th, 299th, 300th, 301st, 302nd, 303rd, 304th, 305th, 306th, 307th, 308th, 309th, 310th, 311th, 312th, 313th, 314th, 315th, 316th, 317th, 318th, 319th, 320th, 321st, 322nd, 323rd, 324th, 325th, 326th, 327th, 328th, 329th, 330th, 331st, 332nd, 333rd, 334th, 335th, 336th, 337th, 338th, 339th, 340th, 341st, 342nd, 343rd, 344th, 345th, 346th, 347th, 348th, 349th, 350th, 351st, 352nd, 353rd, 354th, 355th, 356th, 357th, 358th, 359th, 360th, 361st, 362nd, 363rd, 364th, 365th, 366th, 367th, 368th, 369th, 370th, 371st, 372nd, 373rd, 374th, 375th, 376th, 377th, 378th, 379th, 380th, 381st, 382nd, 383rd, 384th, 385th, 386th, 387th, 388th, 389th, 390th, 391st, 392nd, 393rd, 394th, 395th, 396th, 397th, 398th, 399th, 400th, 401st, 402nd, 403rd, 404th, 405th, 406th, 407th, 408th, 409th, 410th, 411st, 412nd, 413rd, 414th, 415th, 416th, 417th, 418th, 419th, 420th, 421st, 422nd, 423rd, 424th, 425th, 426th, 427th, 428th, 429th, 430th, 431st, 432nd, 433rd, 434th, 435th, 436th, 437th, 438th, 439th, 440th, 441st, 442nd, 443rd, 444th, 445th, 446th, 447th, 448th, 449th, 450th, 451st, 452nd, 453rd, 454th, 455th, 456th, 457th, 458th, 459th, 460th, 461st, 462nd, 463rd, 464th, 465th, 466th, 467th, 468th, 469th, 470th, 471st, 472nd, 473rd, 474th, 475th, 476th, 477th, 478th, 479th, 480th, 481st, 482nd, 483rd, 484th, 485th, 486th, 487th, 488th, 489th, 490th, 491st, 492nd, 493rd, 494th, 495th, 496th, 497th, 498th, 499th, 500th, 501st, 502nd, 503rd, 504th, 505th, 506th, 507th, 508th, 509th, 510th, 511st, 512nd, 513rd, 514th, 515th, 516th, 517th, 518th, 519th, 520th, 521st, 522nd, 523rd, 524th, 525th, 526th, 527th, 528th, 529th, 530th, 531st, 532nd, 533rd, 534th, 535th, 536th, 537th, 538th, 539th, 540th, 541st, 542nd, 543rd, 544th, 545th, 546th, 547th, 548th, 549th, 550th, 551st, 552nd, 553rd, 554th, 555th, 556th, 557th, 558th, 559th, 560th, 561st, 562nd, 563rd, 564th, 565th, 566th, 567th, 568th, 569th, 570th, 571st, 572nd, 573rd, 574th, 575th, 576th, 577th, 578th, 579th, 580th, 581st, 582nd, 583rd, 584th, 585th, 586th, 587th, 588th, 589th, 590th, 591st, 592nd, 593rd, 594th, 595th, 596th, 597th, 598th, 599th, 600th, 601st, 602nd, 603rd, 604th, 605th, 606th, 607th, 608th, 609th, 610th, 611st, 612nd, 613rd, 614th, 615th, 616th, 617th, 618th, 619th, 620th, 621st, 622nd, 623rd, 624th, 625th, 626th, 627th, 628th, 629th, 630th, 631st, 632nd, 633rd, 634th, 635th, 636th, 637th, 638th, 639th, 640th, 641st, 642nd, 643rd, 644th, 645th, 646th, 647th, 648th, 649th, 650th, 651st, 652nd, 653rd, 654th, 655th, 656th, 657th, 658th, 659th, 660th, 661st, 662









## "THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

The deaths registered last week in 23 great towns of England and Wales corresponded to an annual rate of 20.6 per 1,000 of their aggregate population, which is estimated at 11,218,378 persons in the middle of this year.

In London, 2,831 births and 2,021 deaths were registered last week.

Aallowing for increase of population, the births last week were 183, and the deaths 222, below the average numbers in the corresponding weeks of the last 10 years.

The 2,021 deaths last week included 130 from measles, 17 from scarlet fever, 33 from diphtheria, and 69 from whooping-cough.

Different forms of violence caused 87 deaths, concerning all but 2 of which inquests were held.

In Greater London 3,614 births and 2,597 deaths were registered last week, corresponding to annual rates of 29.4 and 21.1 per 1,000 of the estimated population.

Fatal cases of influenza went up with a bound in London last week, the total being 73, as against 40 in the week before. For the first 3 weeks of the year the aggregate came out at 165. In the second week of the year there was a very slight check, but the general tendency for the last 5 weeks has been upward, and last week again more than half the cases were among people over 60.

Three new novels on an average are issued daily by London publishers.

The British nation has £100,000,000 invested in American railways.

Only 9 per cent. of cases of amputation are fatal.

Birmingham turns out 5 tons of hairpins every week.

Frogs pass the winter in a torpid state, buried in mud.

Birthdays were kept even as far back as the time of Pharaoh.

China possesses the largest and richest coal mines in the world.

As a rule, a man's hair turns grey 5 years sooner than a woman's.

A pelican's pouch is large enough to contain 7 or 8 quarts of water.

It is computed that a hundredweight of lead is fired for every man killed in battle.

In all countries, more marriages take place in June than in any other month.

There are 7,000 hawkers of news-papers in London—big men, little boys, old women, and young girls.

Within a radius of 1,000 miles of Malta nine-tenths of the vegetable food stuffs of the world are grown.

It is a Chinese custom to inaugurate a business venture with a display of fireworks.

Three thousand men are engaged in erecting dry-docks and working on the fortifications of Gibraltar.

The Prince of Wales will hold a levee, on her Majesty's behalf, at St. James's Palace, on Feb. 21.

A resolution was unanimously carried at a meeting held at Raleigh Hall, Brixton, in favour of establishing a Polytechnic in the district.

St. George's Hall, Langham-Pl., was put up for sale by auction at Token-penny Yard, but was withdrawn at £2,900.

England has 1,000,000 persons who are either paupers in workhouses, criminals in prisons, homeless of great cities, or wanderers.

The cinematograph registers slow as well as rapid motion, and a camera has been made to register the growth of plants.

Statistics show that in London one person in 45 is maintained by public charity, while in New York the proportion is one in 200.

Schools for children of railway employees are maintained by the railway companies of India, at a very small expense to the pupils.

The Post Office this week started a service of electric delivery vans between St. Martin-le-Grand and Paddington Station.

Rats have been known to feed on land-crabs. They drag the latter into their holes, and biting off their legs and claws render them helpless, and an easy prey.

Boulders say that walls built during a rainy season are the strongest, and that when mortar dries quickly it becomes crumbly and possesses little binding power.

The police seem to absorb a very considerable amount of the income of Oxford University. In one year the guardians of the peace drew £20,000 from the University funds.

Fogs are said to be great purifiers of the atmosphere. There is nothing that smoke may be turned into a hygienic ally, and no man made to help to preserve the public health.

Mr. Duff-Miller, Agent-general for New Brunswick, delivered an interest- ing lecture at the Imperial Institute on the resources and attractions of that colony.

Charles French, who was remanded last week for collecting money in Hyde Park after delivering a lecture which included a "Hymn to Money," was discharged at Marlborough-st.

The Emperor William has appointed Prof. Montelius, of Stockholm, and Dr. J. Murray, director of the Scottish Marine Survey, to be foreign knight of the Order "Pour le Mérite."

The magistrates of the Marylebone Police Court have just sent a condemnation of 3ds. to the Church Army, in aid of its work among the outcast and destitute.

A shoemaker says we wear out quite 5in. of shoe leather in a year. A pair of boots that would "last a lifetime" would, consequently, have to be provided with soles from 8 to 9ft. thick.

A magnificent underground railway is worked in Budapest, Hungary. The trains are run by electricity, so there is no unpleasant atmosphere caused by smoke, and the tunnels are airy and well-lighted.

Valuable discoveries of amber have recently been made in British Columbia, which it is claimed will be able to supply the pipe-makers of the world with amber for another 100 years.

The Rev. J. Hall, the American Presbyterian Minister, who recently resigned the pastorate of the Fifth-av. Church, New York, which he had held since 1867, has decided, at the urgent request of his congregation, to withdraw his resignation.

The funeral of Mr. Smith, who was for 16 years estate manager to the Queen, took place at Slough. Her Majesty sent a beautiful wreath of immortelles, which was placed on the coffin by Lieut. Hickey, superintendent of the Royal mews.

The latest experiment in bicycles is to fit the pedal with magnetised plates, to attract plates on the shoes of the rider and hold his feet in place, thus doing away with the toe-clips,

which are the cause of many accidents to racing men.

Gloves made from frog-skin are the latest novelty.

There are 4 millionaires in England to 1 in France.

The unexplored area of Canada is 1,000,000 square miles.

Wrestling is the favourite sport among the natives of India.

Colour-blindness is far more common among men than women.

Third-class railway fares in India are less than a farthing a mile.

Almost all the lumber need by the world comes from Japan and Formosa.

Another otter has just been trapped in the streets of cities.

More than 200 municipalities in England, Scotland, and Ireland now own the municipal gasworks.

By his will, Sir R. G. Tyler, formerly Lord Mayor of London, leaves personal estate valued at £9,725 net.

Almost five-eighths of the steamers in the world are under the British flag.

Drawing Rooms will be held at Buckingham Palace on Feb. 23, and a date to be hereafter announced.

The heaviest woods are pomegranate and lignum vitae, while cork is the lightest.

At the Bon Marché (Paris) last year, 662 persons were arrested for kleptomania.

Over 1,000,000 pawtuckets for sums under 10s. are issued weekly in London alone.

The inhabitants of Arran, where the maidenhair fern grows plentifully, employ it as a substitute for tea.

The Queen has never taken off her piano nowadays, though she was a skilled player once.

The Queen is to hold the usual Queen's Speech Privy Council at the end of next week at Osborne.

It is moving about from one place to another the people of this country spend about £150,000 a day.

In all their wars the British have won the splendid average of 82 per cent. of the battles.

It is estimated that of the whole population of the globe, about 90,000 die every day.

A leading physician states that the general increase of cancer is due to excess in meat-eating.

Nails, it is said, may be driven into hard wood without bending if they are first dipped in lard or oil.

Mr. E. Chamberlain (brother to the Colonial Secretary) is leaving for S. Africa by Tintagel Castle on Feb. 12.

The Prince of Wales has become one of the patrons of the Nellie Farren Matric Fund.

The Mussulmans of Singapore have sent 2,500 and 1,200 blankets for their distressed co-religionists in Crete.

The preparation of human hair for the market gives employment to 7,000 Parisians.

Sixty thousand elephants are annually slaughtered in Africa for the sake of their ivory.

Several hospital doctors have pronounced pure alcohol the best disinfectant for the hands.

The barking of a dog on the earth can be distinctly heard by a balloonist at an elevation of 4 miles.

In the 16th century fencers held the sword in their right hand, and a dagger in the left to ward off blows.

There are over 100 female students now at the University of Berlin as against 35 last year.

About 10 tons of pennies are gathered every 3 weeks from the "penny-in-the-slot" gas-meters of London.

The speed of our fastest ocean steamers is now greater than that of express trains on Italian railways.

Keys of bronze and iron have been found in Greece and Italy dating from at least the 17th century before Christ.

The prefix "O" before so many of the names of Irish families is an abbreviation of the word "ogha," meaning grandchild.

The staff of the British railways is mostly made up of men who have entered the service as lads and worked their way up.

Golf can positively be traced in Scotland history back to 1457, and it is believed to have been played much earlier even than that date.

Zola, the author of "Paris," now appearing in this paper, received £16 for his first book; for "L'Assommoir" he received £6,000.

The Prince of Wales is particularly interested in newspaper portraits of himself and his family. He keeps an album of them.

The Duke of Devonshire will deliver a very important speech on Municipal Government and the attitude of the Unionist Party in connection therewith on Feb. 16.

More than 40 percent. of the English people could not write their names when the Queen ascended the throne. The proportion in that condition has now been reduced to 7 per cent.

A new church is to be erected at Muswell Hill, Hornsey, at a cost of £12,000, in place of the present building which is inadequate to the needs of the growing parish.

The Chinese Ambassador and staff this week inspected the various processes of manufacture at the works of the Palmer Shipbuilding and Iron Co., Limited, Barrow.

Arrangements have been made for the extension of Willesden Cottage Hospital, at a cost of £2,500, with the proceeds of her concert which was given at St. James's Hall.

When old coins are so worn that it is hard to make out the inscription the coin may be gradually heated, and in almost all cases the inscription will appear.

In New York prisons the convicts now make almost every article they need, and outside labour is only employed to the extent of paying for raw material in prison goods.

The safest course, if caught in a thunderstorm, is to allow oneself to become thoroughly soaked. The chance of safety from lightning are 10 to 1 in favour of the wet person.

An old Roman tub-well has been discovered at Silchester. It is in a comparatively perfect state of preservation, though 1,600 years have elapsed since it was made.

A member of the American National Cycle Board of Trade estimates that fully 20 per cent. of the makers in the United States will market a chainless wheel of some kind this year.

Baroness Hirsch has completed the purchase of Tudor House, Hampstead Heath, the well-known residence of the late Mr. Goode, for the purposes of a convalescent home.

The Rev. W. H. F. Blunt, vicar of Ham, Surrey, and son of the Bishop of Hull, died this week at Ham Vicarage from complications following a severe attack of influenza.

The great Duke of Marlborough, perhaps the greatest military commander Britain has ever had, said on one occasion: "No soldier can fight unless he is properly fed on beef and beer."

No parental care ever fails to the lot of a single member of the insect race.

In general the eggs of an insect are destined to be hatched long after the parents are dead, so that most insects are born orphans.

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As the supply of ivory is becoming short, billiard balls cast steel are being used in Sweden. By making them hollow the weight is made to correspond with that of ivory balls.

Funeral horses come mostly from Holland, where they are bred. About 800 come over to this country every year, and cost on an average £16 apiece.

M. W. J. Vizer, for nearly 40 years station-master, at King's Cross Station, has decided to retire at the end of March. He has been in the service of the G.N.R. Company for 50 years.

Dr. Karl Peters, of Central African Service, is now in London, and, it is understood, is preparing for another visit to Africa in company with several friends.

It is rumoured that the Speaker of the House of Commons, in view of the recent election of Mr. Fox, of Brixton, as chairman of the Conservative party, will be succeeded by Mr. H. C. G. Jones, of the Liberal party.

Thrushes and robins are singing sweetly every day in Battersea Park, and in various parts of the metropolis the house sparrows are making preparations for building their nests once more.

The Bishop of Rochester has addressed a letter to his clergy, stating that, after careful thought and with the counsel of his most experienced and responsible advisers, he has decided to appoint March 2 as a day of special prayer and humiliation in regard to the word of God in the diocese.

The Englishman, says the "Sydney Bulletin," play to win—play as if this is the only match in eternity—and never throw a chance away. The Australians, on the other hand, play as if there are lots of other good matches to come; and, although it would be pleasant

to win this one, what is one match, after all?

In some London hotels the waiters receive as much as £200 a year in tips.

Most workers in Switzerland are employed about 11 hours a day.

Several clubs are shortly to be started in Berlin for women only.

The Post Office makes £4,000 a year by unclaimed money orders.

There are over 2,000 professional feather-curlers in London.

More than a third of the French jewellers have been training for the event, and on Friday night a surging mob that stretched far out into the roadway was demanding admittance to the hall. It was a quarter to 9, and the visitors to the first performance, which had just concluded, were struggling to get out of the building. Admittance was eventually gained, and during the few moments that elapsed before the show began our representative had a short conversation with Mr. J. H. Wood, the manager, who was the first gentleman to introduce this novel entertainment to London. It was he who offered the prize for the great clo- dancing contest that took place in 1880, and of which Dame Leno won the championship. Mr. Wood drew attention to the full glory of the first award, with the flush of fame on his brow.

Bow'd. in the full glory of the first award, with the flush of fame on his brow.

**"IN THE SWIM."**

**BY A CITY SHARE.**

The prophet of "dear money" who lately shouted so dolefully must begin to feel rather uncomfortable.

On the fortnightly settlement just concluded contango ruled light in all the leading markets, and no speculator of any substance experienced the least difficulty in carrying over.

It may be safely accepted, therefore, that the account is not overloaded, another "bear" yarn, and if that be the case it follows that stocks must still be steadily absorbed for investment.

The recent set-back, slight as it was, did something



**THE BAGSHOT MYSTERY.**  
EXTRAORDINARY ACCUSATION AGAINST  
THE WIFE OF A SERGEANT.

At Bagshot, Mr. Roumier resumed the inquiry on Jane Pepey, who died within 3 days of being sent home from London, where she was employed as a servant. She had been for over 12 months in the service of Mrs. Nicholls, in Pitt-st., Kensington, and, before death, she made serious allegations against the mistress of having beaten and starved her. Although over 5 ft. in height, she only weighed 60 pounds, and was badly bruised about the legs and arms, and her nose was broken. Insp. Great watched to see on behalf of the Metropolitan Police and the Society for the Protection of the Destitute what was represented. Mrs. Croxford next door neighbour to Mrs. Nicholls, said Jane was a clean, healthy, nice-looking girl when she first came to West Kensington, but soon got thin, and looked half-starved. Witness heard sounds of blows and screams, and the voice of Mrs. Nicholls shouting such words as "cow," "cow," "beast," and "devil." The girl's face was frequently discoloured and scratched, and she had looked dreadfully ill lately.

**A PREDECESSOR'S EXPERIENCES.**

—Jessie McNeil, former servant of Mrs. Nicholls, stated the latter had, for days together, kept her without food, which usually consisted of boiled rice and dumplings, had blacked her eyes, and cut her and open. Witness ran away because her master beat her with a stick. Mrs. Nicholls had been appalled.

**PERSONAL.—(CONTINUED).**

**POWELL, FRANKLIN.**  
RELATIVES and Friends of MARIA POWELL, 11, Lillie-st., who resided in Victoria-st., Whitechapel, in 1868, when she married ROBERT F. POWELL, Esq., of Liverpool, Lancashire, and died in Bradford, Yorks., Lancashire, on the 16th January, will be present at the funeral service by Rev. Mr. FREDERICK HATTON, Solicitor, 160, Strand, London, or Mr. BROWNE, 16, Arundel-street, Strand.

**JOSEPH SMITH.**  
THE NEYTOP-KIN of JOSEPH SMITH, now deceased, will be present at the funeral service at 1 p.m. on Saturday, January 31st, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, 10, Arundel-street, Strand.

**WITMILL.**  
I F JESSIE FLORENCE WHITTLE, daughter of the late WILLIAM SIMON WHITTLE, founder of Igwac, and wife, has been of the Society for the Protection of the Destitute, who was represented. Mrs. Croxford next door neighbour to Mrs. Nicholls, said Jane was a clean, healthy, nice-looking girl when she first came to West Kensington, but soon got thin, and looked half-starved. Witness heard sounds of blows and screams, and the voice of Mrs. Nicholls shouting such words as "cow," "cow," "beast," and "devil." The girl's face was frequently discoloured and scratched, and she had looked dreadfully ill lately.

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE.**  
PROBATE, DIVORCE AND ADMIRALTY DIVISION (LAW).

TO JAMES LEACH, Manufacturer of the City of Nottingham Lace Manufactures, one of the Executors named in the Will of Mrs. Derry deceased.

Take Notice that a citation has issued setting two months from the date of issue to be served on you within the County of Middlesex, to witness your right in respect of the representation to the said deceased that the administration of his estate will be devolved to the executors of his will if he had not been appointed Executor.

**D. H. OWEN.**  
SHARPE FARMER PRITCHARD and HARRIET (Molinford) and 12 New Court, Carey-street.

**ALEXANDER LEFEVERE, Deceased.**

DECEASED to an Act of Parliament, and the result of his present Master, I. M. B. BAKER, of Baker-st., and she belonged to the Travellers' Aid Society.

In consequence of a communication from the Countess Harcourt, she went to Pitt-st., where she was told that Mrs. Nicholls wished the deceased girl taken home to Bagshot. Deceased was very weak, but managed to walk across the line at Ascot. Mrs. Nicholls told her that the girl was always hungry, and had had 2 breakfasts that morning. She also made accusations as to her moral character. Witness got decreased home between 4 and 5 on Christmas Eve. At this stage a journeyman was suddenly seized with fit, throwing the whole of the court into confusion. The Coroner said, as this had thrown the court out of gear, he should adjourn the case.—Mr. Stevenson: I should like to ask you to pass an order that my client should not be molested either in London or Bagshot.—The Coroner said, shall very summarily, with any one, I hear has done it.—The servant girl now employed by Mrs. Nicholls, Edith Garrett, was greatly surprised to discover her mother, whom she had lost for 18 months, sitting in court waiting for her. A pathetic scene followed. A woman was arrested at the close of the court for disorderly conduct.

**DEATH OF GEN. MOBERLY.**

Gen. F. J. Moberly, member for Marleybone on the L.S.B., has died suddenly. He was born in 1825, entered the Royal Engineers in 1844, and retired at the end of 1878 with the honorary rank of major-general, after a career of excellent work in connection with the Madras Army. In 1885 he went on the L.S.B. as one of the representatives of Marleybone. From 1881 to 1897, he was vice-chairman of the Works Committee. Gen. Moberly was Moderate in every sense of the term, with and without the capital. He was always a vigorous worker on the Board, its committees, and with one part of the Board's work his name should remain permanently associated. It was he who secured the attention now paid to many defective children. When he first brought up the subject in 1890, he got no hearing; now there are 31 centres, and 1,214 of these children attending them with results that have already proved astonishing. He also did much to improve the training of the blind children. The vacancy will be filled by co-option.

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**PERSONAL.**

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**KATE.**—Write or come up. Important.—B.H.

**CAPTAIN TO MAGGIE.**

**G. GRANDMOTHER** (verbal); doctor gives no hope.

**HARRY DESMOND, R.M.L.I.**

S.A. requests you to write before inquires are made elsewhere.—C. Capo, Leyton.

**LEWIS PHILLIPS.**

I earnestly entreat to communicate with his distressed parents.—B.G.N.

**SOLICITORS and OTHERS.**

JANE BROOKS will communicate with him.—J. Drakett, 20, Park-street, his address, will be the same.

**EDWARD.**—Missing from the house, a well-educated man, 26, Park-street, his address, will be the same.

**CONSTABLE.**

IF GEORGE CONSTABLE recently employed at 10, Bowyer-st., is still in service, will you, via H. H. H. of Wapping-road, London, N.E. tell him to his advantage.

**GRIMALDI.**

If MADAM GRIMALDI, formerly of No. 1, Arundel-street, is still in service, will you, via H. H. H. of Wapping-road, London, N.E. tell him to his advantage.

**THE REVEREND WILLIAM CASHEL STUART.**

I am requested to communicate with Messrs. COOKE, KINGDON and COTTON, 36 Bedford-row, London, W.C. solicitors, from whom we shall have something to his advantage.

**MATRIMONIAL.—(CONTINUED).**

**GENERAL.**—Post—Clients to suit all classes, couples up to 30, tall, good-looking, with good income, wishes to marry.—H. S. Job, 748, Arndale-street, Manchester.

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**JOSEPH SMITH.**

THE NEYTOP-KIN of JOSEPH SMITH, now deceased, will be present at the funeral service at 10, Arundel-street, Strand.

**FRANCIS BROWN.**

THE REV'D KIN of FRANCIS BROWN, 16, Arundel-street, Strand.

**WITMILL.**

I F JESSIE FLORENCE WHITTLE, daughter of the late WILLIAM SIMON WHITTLE, founder of Igwac, and wife, has been of the Society for the Protection of the Destitute, who was represented. Mrs. Croxford next door neighbour to Mrs. Nicholls, said Jane was a clean, healthy, nice-looking girl when she first came to West Kensington, but soon got thin, and looked half-starved. Witness heard sounds of blows and screams, and the voice of Mrs. Nicholls shouting such words as "cow," "cow," "beast," and "devil." The girl's face was frequently discoloured and scratched, and she had looked dreadfully ill lately.

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE.**

**PROBATE, DIVORCE AND ADMIRALTY DIVISION (LAW).**

TO JAMES LEACH, Manufacturer of the City of Nottingham Lace Manufactures, one of the Executors named in the Will of Mrs. Derry deceased.

Take Notice that a citation has issued setting two months from the date of issue to be served on you within the County of Middlesex, to witness your right in respect of the representation to the said deceased that the administration of his estate will be devolved to the executors of his will if he had not been appointed Executor.

**D. H. OWEN.**

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